

REMARKS**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 – 36 are currently pending. Claims 1 – 8, 15, 26, and 28 – 30 are currently amended. Claims 9 – 14, 16 – 25, 27, and 31 – 36 are original. No new matter has been added.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

The Office has rejected claims 1, 15, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. More specifically, the Office asserts that the recitation of “less than about” and “greater than about” in the same claims renders these claims indefinite. The Office has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the indefinite rejection.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 15, and 26 to more clearly set forth the invention being claimed. In view of these amendments, Applicants believe that the claims are definite and, thus, allowable.

The Office has also rejected claims 2 – 8, 28, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. More specifically, the Office asserts that certain elements of these claims lack antecedent basis. The Office has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the indefinite rejection.

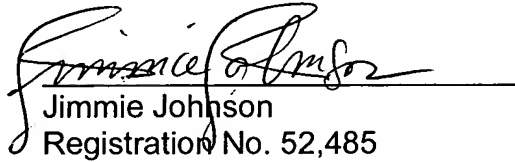
Applicants have amended these claims in order to correct their antecedent basis and, thus, the Office’s reject is now moot.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments discussed above, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned counsel in order to further the prosecution of this application in any way.

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